

2021-2022 Creative Writing Contest Information

Can you write poetry or short stories?

The YAS Writing contest is for writers in grades 6-8 and 9-12 who want their writing evaluated by other area writers. Students may enter one piece of writing per category.



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Categories:

- Fiction Grades 6-8
- Poetry Grades 6-8
- Non-Fiction Grades 6-8
- Fiction Grades 9-12
- Poetry Grades 9-12
- Non-Fiction Grades 9-12

Entry Guidelines:

- Each entry must include a cover sheet/title page with the following information: Student Name, School, Grade, English Teacher Name, Competition Category
- Use standard 1-inch margins, 12 point font, double spaced, Times News Roman. Number your pages.
 - Entries should be no more than 20 pages.
- Entries should be carefully checked for spelling and grammatical errors.
- No previously published work or work posted on the Internet will be accepted. Entries must represent original student work. Do not resubmit a work previously entered into this contest.
- Entries will be judged on:
 - Fiction: plot development (10 points), creativity (5 points), grammar & punctuation (5 points)
 - Poetry: technique & style (10 points), creativity (5 points), grammar & punctuation (5 points)
 - Non-Fiction: technique & style (10 points), development (5 points), grammar & punctuation (5 points). Works that include quotes must contain appropriate MLA or APA citations.
- One entry per student per category accepted.
- **Deadline for entries is February 16, 2022 by 11:59pm.**
- Entries that do not follow the above guidelines will be disqualified.

HOW TO ENTER:

- Send entries in as attachments, and in the subject line on your email please put your category (fiction or poetry) and GRADE LEVEL. Email entries to yaswritingdropbox@gmail.com

Who Judges?

- 2 graduate students from Indiana University's English department

Awards:

Awards are per category: Perfect score - trophy; 80% of total points or higher - ribbon

Questions?

- Drama coordinator: Mary Gehring -- mgehring@oldenburgacademy.org